



Conference Overview

In times of drought and rising costs of farming, it's important to know about the many new technologies available to growers to help save water, become more efficient and operate more profitably.

This conference will offer Wintergarden Growers the opportunity to see the latest technologies in improved irrigation systems and their management. The event will also offer region-specific information about irrigation practices, cropping systems, policy updates and cost-sharing programs available to local producers.

Conference participants will receive CEUs and a regionally specific South Texas Irrigation Reference Manual to take home.

Along with a trade show the conference will address improving the efficiency of irrigation and pumping systems, using soil moisture devices and evapotranspiration rates for crop management, drip irrigation, and irrigation economics and water markets.



Conference Agenda

The South Texas Irrigation Conference and Trade Show will be held on Tuesday, January 20, 2009 at the Medina County Fair Hall in Hondo, Texas. Registration will be from 8:00 to 8:30 am. An early registration fee of \$15 (\$20 after Jan. 15th) will be charged to cover meal and handout materials during the conference.

3 CEUs (2 General and 1 IPM) will be given to those in attendance. An additional 1 CEU in Laws and Regulations will also be offered in an optional final session.

8:30 - 9:45 Session I
Crop Water Usage, Fertilizer Uptake and Crop Physiology
Improved Irrigation Technologies - Selection, Benefits, and Costs

10:15 - 11:30 Session II
Pumping Plant Efficiency - Matching Pumps to Irrigation Systems to Reduce Fuel Costs
Irrigation Economics and Water Markets

11:30 - 12:10 Organizational Updates
EQIP
Ground Water Districts
Edwards Aquifer Authority
TWDB Water Conservation Projects

12:10 - 1:15 Lunch

1:15 - 2:45 Session III (Concurrent Workshops)
Drip Irrigation Design and Management Considerations
The California Perspective
The South Texas Perspective

Center Pivot Irrigation
Ten Frequently Asked Questions about Pivots
Center Pivot Successes and Challenges
New Developments in Water Applicators and Pivot Technology

2:45 - 3:00 Break/Conclusion

3:00 - 4:00 Optional Session
Pesticide Laws and Regulations

Sign-up Form

Sign up for:		Price
<input type="checkbox"/> Early Registration (Prior to Jan. 15 th)		15.00
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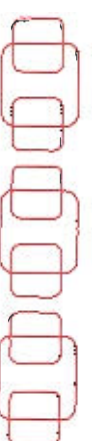
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